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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A

20th/21st June 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

WHEREVER YOU GO, I SHALL GO

Wherever you go, I shall go/ Wherever you live, there shall I live/ Your people will be my people/ And your God will be my God, too. This promise of fidelity from the book of Ruth reminds us that Christ will live and go with us, wherever we live and wherever we go. But it also invites us to care for people because they are his people, too. Christ asks each disciple to be his partner in the work that God the Father sent him to do in this world. And he promises to be our partner, whatever our work, whatever kind of life we live, wherever we go. We follow him, trusting that he is with us, not just for a moment, but for the whole of our lives. Wherever we go, however we live, "the Lord is at my side." His commitment to us is lifelong despite our own inability to think of him always, or even despite our occasional thoughtless rejection of him. The mystery of God's call to us and of our response to him is that he is always there for us. "I am at your side; you are my friends," said Jesus, even to disciples who sometimes lose the way.

"Wherever you go, I shall go." If we take those words to heart we can accept the risk of going out to others in his name. In saying "yes" to our life as Christian disciples, we can, like Jeremiah, go forward in a zigzag fashion, going somewhere, but not always directly or in a predictable manner. "Do not be afraid," Christ said and still says. Christ is not for the fearless but for those who must control their fears. Neither is he for the perfect but for those who need his word of forgiveness. If this ideal of going the journey of life with Christ seems beyond our reach, remember how once said to his friends, "With men it is impossible but not with God; for all things are possible with God."

I follow Christ best when I realise that the gospel ideal is beyond the reach of my own strength. It is then that I can lean on him and build on the strength of the Lord who is always at my side.

From The Association of Catholic Priests.

PARISH GATHERING

As announced, Fr Stanley Orji has been appointed as Parish Priest of Holy Cross parish, Redcliffe.

The College of Consultors is a group that advises the Archbishop in his decisions on clergy appointments. To assist with their discernment, you are invited to a parish gathering with two representatives from the Consultors who will take time to listen to parishioners' thoughts on the mission, vision, and unique charism of St Mary's parish, Kingaroy, and Our Lady Help of Christians parish, Nanango.

You will be asked to respond to two questions:

1. As a parish, what have you done well?
2. What are your hopes for what the parish will look like into the future?

The gathering will take place at 2pm on Saturday 27th June in the parish hall at 37 Gipps Street, Nanango. All are welcome.

CHURCH HALL PAINTING FUNDRAISING APPEAL

St Mary's Parish is grateful to have received a \$35,000 grant for repainting and repairs to the Church Hall. To complete this work, we still need to raise \$19,000. We also face an urgent \$15,000 roof repair, as a large hole is causing water damage during heavy rain. We thank parishioners for your continued generosity and ask for your support. Donations can be made by direct deposit to the Special Projects Account, BSB 064-786, Account No 100028264, or via the envelopes in the pews.

Blessings, Father Stanley.

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Saturday 20th June	Blackbutt	5pm	Vigil
Sunday 21st June	Kumbia	8am	Liturgy
	Nanango	8am	Mass
	Kingaroy	10am	Mass

First Reading: **Jeremiah 20:10-13**
Responsorial Psalm Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Second Reading: **Romans: 5:12-15**
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witness. Alleluia!



Gospel: **Matthew 10:26-33**

PARISH PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Death Anniversaries: Clariben Paglinawan, Beryl Trace, Therese Cusack, Violet Moore.

Prayers for the sick:

OLHC Parish - Amelia Cole, Greg Knaggs, Damian Wyvill, Kyle Sutherland (Perrett), Chris Stevens, Shirley Warner, Bruce McCarthy, Wendy Smith, Luke Colahan, Kylie Lane.
St Mary's Parish - Denise Mann, Liz Mamczur, Ellie Spicer, Joe Smoothy, Judy Stanton, Jo Saunders, Michael Carroll, Therese Hanley, Teresa O'Sullivan, Juliette McCorley, Bruce McCarthy, Rikie Brinkman, Bernice Mahoney, Julianne Cross, Megan Manthey.

FR STANLEY'S BIRTHDAY GATHERING

A simple relaxed and informal gathering is being planned for Fr Stanley's Birthday on the **24th of July at the Nanango Presbytery**. It will be in the style of a backyard BBQ. If you are attending, BYO chair, meat (for the BBQ), a plate (eg. salad or sweets), drinks, musical instruments and any outdoor lawn games. Please fill in the form at the entrance to the church to indicate whether you can bring salad or sweets.

WEEKDAY MASS OF 12TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Thursday 25th June	Blackbutt	9am	Mass
	Kumbia	5:30pm	Mass
Friday 26th June	Kingaroy	9 am	Mass
	Nanango	12pm	Mass

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Friday 26th June	Cooyar	6pm	Vigil
Saturday 27th June	Blackbutt	5pm	Liturgy
	Kumbia	6pm	Vigil
Sunday 28th June	Nanango	8am	Mass
	Kingaroy	10am	Mass

THANKYOU

The book launch of 'Captain of his Destiny' with the story of my uncle Jim Burns, finally took place on 6 June. It was an unforgettable occasion, its success due to the support and assistance from so many people... weeks of promotion by Fr Stanley, people who played a part in ways big or small, people who helped with setting up the church and hall, people who stood by on the day itself... Moya Hayden's launch speech was mesmerising and 93 year old Thora Hayes playing her violin was utterly poignant and evocative. I deeply appreciated the contribution of MC Keith Campbell OAM, Mayor Kathy Duff, the Hayes family, my cousin Mike Burns, Charlie Spagalli Videography, Kingaroy CWA, members of my family and lovely friends. To be able to hold this function in St Mary's Church was wonderful advocacy for the generosity and Christian outreach by the Kingaroy Catholic community. As an interesting footnote... the last time Jim publicly played his violin was at a wedding in St Mary's in 1969. He played 'The Holy City'.

Liz Caffery

Note: The book can be purchased at South Burnett Information Centres and copies will make their way to South Burnett Libraries.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

On the **weekend of the 27/28th June**, parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane will take up the Peter's Pence Collection. This collection gives Catholics an opportunity to join in communion with the Catholic faithful throughout the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy See

LAY MINISTERS TRAINING

- To be held on Sunday 21 June in Kingaroy after 10am Mass, with Sr Judy, providing practical training on how to conduct a lay-led liturgy. Parishioners from Nanango and Kumbia are welcome to join this session.
- On Saturday 27 June the same session will be run in Blackbutt (10am-12 noon). Parishioners from Cooyar and Yarraman are welcome to join the Blackbutt session.

ST MARY'S HALL PAINTING FUNDRAISER

Tickets will be sold at the **RSL** to raise funds for Parish Painting. If parishioners would like to go to the RSL to support us and also support the RSL for their generosity, that would be appreciated. We have been allocated spots on **Friday the 19th and Saturday the 20th of June** to sell tickets.

Our Parishes acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we stand, the Wakka Wakka people and pay our respects to the elders past, present and emerging.

Reflection: Reflect today on the inner Voice of God, echoing in the depths of your conscience. Do you hear Him and respond to His Voice? If so, then do not be afraid to share your knowledge of God freely and charitably with others. Foster, instead, a holy fear that drives you to greater fidelity to God and the charity of sharing His love with others.